

REMARKS

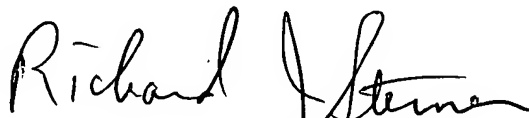
Applicants' September 10, 2004 Amendment and Response has been deemed noncompliant by the Office simply because the two revised drawing sheets that were part of the Response were not labeled with the heading "Replacement Sheet"; no problem was noted with the content of the drawings themselves. In response, Applicants provide herewith two new drawing sheets with the required label. In every other way, the enclosed sheets are identical to those submitted as part of Applicants' September 10, 2004 Amendment and Response.

Applicants note that it took the Office more than seven months from receipt of the previous Response to make this simple determination of noncompliance and to issue the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. It is respectfully requested that, in light of this considerable delay, the present Response be given prompt consideration and the application be expeditiously passed on to the Examiner so that prosecution may resume as soon as possible.

No fee should be due in connection with this communication.
However, should it be determined that a fee is required for any
reason, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge it to
Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

Date: June 21, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Sterner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

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Enclosures

In the Drawings:

Replace the two drawing sheets containing Figures 1 and 11 with the two drawing sheets provided herewith and containing revised versions of those figures.